Executive Summary

The NHS Trust Development Authority has published its planning guidance for 2013/14. “Toward High Quality, Sustainable Services”. This documents sets out for NHS Trusts expectations and requirements for Operating Plans for 2013/14, and the format and timetable for developing them. This translates the NHS Commissioning Board’s high level guidance into plans and priorities for NHS Trusts.

All Trusts need to submit their Operating Plans 2013/14 to the NHS Trust Development Authority. The TDA has provided detailed technical guidance and templates for preparing this submission, key milestones for submissions are as follows;

- First cut submissions by 25 January 2013
- Updated submissions where required by 28 February 2013
- Final plans by 5 April 2013

Alongside an overarching presentation setting out our strategic priorities for 2013/14, together with any necessary improvement and development plans, the Trust will need to submit a high level Performance & Activity Plan, Financial Plan, Workforce Plan and Assurance Checklist. The Operating Plan will build on the work that has taken place in the Trust as part of our annual planning process.

This document is intended to provide an overview of the framework and includes a copy of the Planning Guidance published by the TDA. This document is supported by a more detailed technical guidance document which is available on request.

Related SATH Objectives | SATH Sub-Objectives
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Quality and Safety | Deliver services that offer safe evidence-based practice to improve outcomes
Patients GPs Commissioners | Ensure our patients have an experience that exceeds their expectations
Financial Strength | Deliver our contractual commitments

Risk and Assurance Issues (including resilience risks)

Equality and Diversity Issues
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